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Description

The unit is approximately 3 ½ inches long and is cylindrical in shape. The unit is approximately 1/2 to 5/8 inches in diameter and is to be made out of a flexible rubber or plastic material. The unit is filled with a cooling agent or compound for prolonged cooling, enabling shrinkage of the hemorrhoidal tissues. The unit provides prompt cooling of the affected area providing temporary relief from the discomfort caused by irritated hemorrhoidal tissues within minutes.

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A reusable or disposable cold bladder having a preformed cylindrical shape for treatment of the anal region afflicted by hemorrhoids comprising: